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Brother Phelps,

Yours of the 23d came to day. Within a few days I have had an avalanche of newspapers & letters from England. They are filled with matter respecting Brown. I have many doubts about publishing here all these things. Were Brown's life in jeopardy nothing could be more seasonable or important, but as he is only to be whipt there would appear something ridiculous about the matter. I may be mistaken in this however. The J. of Commerce (the advocate of Texas annexation) published one of the Letters about Brown yesterday. Can not you get one into the Recorder & the Puritan? If we could get the sympathy & indignation of the people of G. B. to bear with great power upon slaveholders here, especially Rev men in the old & the pulpit, great good would be done. Last evening I read Dr Pelton's speech about Brown. Do read it.

Our letter to Dr Cleaning has doubtless arrived at the very moment when it should arrive.

{ Brother Phelps! - here I am, daily engaged in business, and with more than usual anti-slavery matter on my hands than would be sufficient to occupy all my time. It is neglected and a great measure. This state of things ought not so to be. We ought to have a good committee here, three months - a monthly or semi-monthly paper, and a good secretary. Then & only then is anti-s. feeling enough in the country to support it. Why will you not come here, and buckle down to the work? Were you out of Boston I think you & I could stand about alike on the missionary question. I do not know where else to dispose respecting anti-slavery matters. }

We have a new monthly in the form of a newspaper. "It is size like the Reporter. The Liberator - it a double quarto. The Union Messenger. No editor as yet. I have endeavored to get in more than half number. No editor as yet. I have endeavored to get in more than half of your N. J. Appeal. Had you been room it would have all been inserted. How this no. will appear & Boston people I dont know - perhaps it will be thought saucy enough. I believe there is an idolatrous regard for the U. S. C. F. M. that Providence will overcast; and they — the Prudential Committee are puffed at with pride. See how D. Greene has traded Dr Lafon. Send me your criticisms freely, with paternal fidelity.

Affectionately yours

Lewis Tappan.

Will you talk over the matter of publishing the Speeches of Mr G. B. with Dr Leavitt & Brown & the whipt tomorrow - per bellen - Will the publication after this comparatively small excitement, be well received.

Great meeting here last night on Texas

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